

Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application,
2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Central MN Housing Partnership, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Institute for Community Alliances

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	No	No
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	Yes	No
9.	Law Enforcement	No	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Veteran Services Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.				

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

39% of participants who self-reported their race/ethnicity at a recent Full CoC meeting were people of color. This is more than a 15% increase in the diversity of this committee. In 2024 the CoC added a Somali language line to our Call to Connect number for homeless people to be assessed. The St. Cloud area of our CoC has a growing population of Somali and East African immigrants and they are beginning to see an increase in homelessness in this population. Partnerships have been implemented with 2 Somali led and serving agencies and several meetings have been held to learn of needs and gaps for this population. Representatives of these organizations are on the Governing Board, subcommittees and attend the CoC Full Membership committee meetings. One of these agencies is now an access site that completes assessments for homeless individuals, especially those that do not speak English. At least 5 languages are spoken at these agencies. The CoC worked with these 2 organizations to apply for and ultimately become subgrantees for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program which works to prevent homelessness through monetary assistance and referrals to resources. 20% of the CoC Governing Board are people of color. The Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion subcommittee is working on identifying areas to provide training, have conversations, and implement changes. This can be a challenging process as there is not much diversity outside of the St. Cloud area. A large proportion of the CoC is very rural and there are not many culturally specific providers due to very low populations. A challenge has been figuring out ways to bring along the rural areas in our pursuit of equitable outcomes when they don't often see BIPOC people. A detailed data analysis was conducted of outcomes for the BIPOC households in our CoC. This analysis showed better outcomes for BIPOC HHs in positive exits from RRH and positive exits from emergency shelters than for the White HHs. A Wilder Research analysis of homelessness completed in June 2024 shows much lower homelessness among BIPOC populations in Greater MN than is seen in the Twin Cities Metro areas. Overrepresentation of Native Americans occurs in our CoC as there are 2 reservations within our geographic area. Attempts are being made to work with the Tribes but they are working on creating a statewide Tribal CoC so logistics have been difficult.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central MN CoC advertises an open invitation for new members at least annually via emails, phone contacts & all the time via the CoC Website. The Membership Committee gathers lists of potential new members to contact. Meetings are open to anyone interested in preventing & ending homelessness. Whenever new agencies or seasoned agencies who do not currently participate in the CoC are identified, they are welcomed & provided with information regarding the CoC including who we are, who we serve, and how we operate & they are invited to attend a CoC meeting. 17 agencies either joined for the first time or began attending again after not being involved for a length of time over the last year. An orientation manual was created and quarterly orientation sessions occur to educate new attendees about how our CoC functions.

2. Central CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by providing accessible information on our website with options for telephone & email contact. Telecommunications relay services are utilized. Central CoC monthly meetings are held virtually using meeting applications that include close captioning and other accessibility options including the option to call in rather than attend via computer. These methods make it easier for those with a disability to connect with the CoC and ask questions about membership. The CoC website and all written/electronic documents are reviewed to ensure they are easily read by those who are color blind.

3. Organizations serving culturally specific communities are invited to join the Full Membership meetings and to offer input on programs and policies that may affect various communities. The CoC has a Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee that is promoted throughout the CoC at meetings and actively recruits new members in order to expand input from the BIPOC community. The CoC Membership Committee identifies and personally makes contact with organizations that have been historically underrepresented in order to add those valuable voices to the planning and decision-making process. Staff have been attending community events to make connections with agencies serving underrepresented populations in an effort to expand our network. Five agencies led by and serving culturally specific populations joined the CoC during the last year.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Monthly CoC Full Membership meetings are held & open to anyone interested in the homelessness issue. 60+ agencies attend these monthly meetings & represent housing, mental health, substance abuse, subpopulations, county government, lived experience, etc. Bi-weekly Provider Collaboration meetings, & a variety of monthly committee meetings are widely promoted & participation is widely solicited. All subpopulations are represented within the different regions of the CoC. This is accomplished by ongoing review of membership & outreach to those in underrepresented populations. Central CoC solicits and values input from the following subpopulations: domestic violence victims, sex trafficked, veterans, youth, mental health, seniors, BIPOC individuals, Native American providers, people with lived expertise, those with a criminal background, LGBTQ+ providers, homeless service providers including emergency shelters, outreach, prevention, TH, RRH, PHAs, PSH, & others.

2. The CoC Coordinator & CES staff attend meetings including Provider Collaboration, Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program, City Task Force, Landlord Engagement, & Keeping Families Together meetings as well as community listening sessions to speak on behalf of the CoC & to solicit valuable information/feedback needed to ensure those with the most needs are served effectively. Communities are educated on who is experiencing homelessness in their community & encouraged to participate in discussions & solutions around preventing & ending homelessness.

3. Accessibility is ensured through the use of both virtual & in-person meetings. Virtual meetings come with an array of features such as transcription. Virtual meetings facilitate easier access for those with limited mobility/transportation issues.

4. Community meetings & focus groups with people with lived experience of homelessness were used to gather feedback on system improvements. Information learned & resulting recommendations were brought to the CES Advisory Committee, CoC Full Membership Committee & CoC Governing Board for consideration & recommendations on changes to policies & procedures that create equitable & effective programs & services throughout the CoC. An example is changes that have been made to the Navigator positions. Input from participants exposed weaknesses in these positions as well as pieces that worked effectively. Updated expectations & outcomes were included in this year's NOFO application process.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC notified the public that new projects would be considered through emails, specific outreach to agencies that had previously expressed interest, and via information on the CoC website. A verbal announcement was made at the monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meeting. An email announcement was sent to over 190 people on the CoC's listserv soliciting new applicants. The Intent to Apply form for New Projects is readily available on the website. New project applicants are notified of available technical assistance through the CoC. 2. Project applicants are notified of the process to submit applications via email, verbal notification at meetings, and through timelines and process information on the website. Applicants are also notified during available technical assistance through the CoC. 3. The Performance and Ranking Committee reviews & scores all applications for eligibility, meeting homeless unmet needs, priority needs in the area, project design & HMIS & Coordinated Entry requirements. Documents are posted on the CoC website which explain the process that will be used & how projects will be prioritized for submission. The scoring spreadsheet is available online for applicants to review & to help them understand the priorities that have been established for the year's competition. 4. CoC provided NOFO notification to individuals with disabilities via agency website in pdf, Word & different languages. Notices are sent to agencies that work with individuals with disabilities with instructions on how to apply.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	No
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	No
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients?	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance?	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	No

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

All MN CoCs including MN-505 entered into a formal Collaboration Agreement with the MN Department of Education (MDE) in 2022. The purpose of this nonbinding collaborative agreement is to demonstrate interest in sharing resources, expanding collaborative efforts and implementing systemic support to better serve students and families who are experiencing homelessness. This agreement outlines the roles of CoCs and MDE and our collaborative efforts in ensuring that families and youth experiencing homelessness are informed of their rights under McKinney-Vento and have access to resources they need to be stably housed. This agreement establishes a variety of ways that crossagency communication will occur to address the needs of homeless students. In the agreement, MDE commits to a) Provide training to CoC Coordinators on how to use MDE aggregate public data on youth experiencing homelessness in Districts and Schools. b) Provide a list to CoC Coordinators of trainings offered to District and School Homeless Liaisons. c) Provide to District and School Homeless Liaisons a list of CoC Coordinators with contact information sortable by county and d) Encourage Liaisons to communicate and collaborate with their CoC. The CoC commits to MDE to a) By Oct 1 each year, provide MDE a current list of CoC contacts. b) By Oct 1 of each year, provide information on how District and School Homeless Liaisons can become members of a CoC. c) Invite MDE and educational entities within the CoC to become members of the CoC. d) As needed, provide clear information about date, time, and agenda for agreed upon collaboration meetings. Together, MDE and the CoCs commit to collaborate to distribute a bimonthly MN Homeless Education Newsletter to all homeless school liaisons with important training dates, resources, and connections to assist LEAs with serving the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. This is a significant new step that will greatly enhance access to homeless students and ensure they are promptly connected to needed services throughout the CoC. Additionally, CoC policy requires ESG & CoC funded projects with school age children to link youth to a Homeless School Liaison (HSL) & have formal agreements with early childhood programs. CoC Funded providers are required to document agreements with SEAs and LEAs as part of the annual NOFO scoring & ranking process.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. NOFO Section V.B.1.d.
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Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

From page 29 of the Central CoC Written Standards & Policies: Education Policies: All homeless assistance projects within the Central MN CoC region that serve households with children (shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing) will be expected to comply with the following policies: i. Identify staff person(s) who have primary responsibility for school attendance. ii. Ensure that all homeless families are informed of the McKinney Vento Act to ensure that their children can maintain enrollment in school. iii. Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged (as needed). iv. Track school attendance for all children served within your program and help families to resolve any barriers that are contributing to the absences (as needed). v. Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing Housing Goal Plans. vi. Ensure that all family members are connected to relevant educational resources in the community. vii. Encourage and assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for the Head Start Program and provide referrals to agencies that offer Head Start. This policy was updated and approved October 19, 2023. All CoC funded programs are required to complete a Households with Children Supplement Form as part of the scoring process for the NOFO. This requires the agency to document their educational plan as well as provide evidence of the plan being implemented. Applications are scored on the existence and completeness of their educational planning and implementation.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

1C-5a.	Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.A range of VSPs, DV shelters, & agencies which work with survivors of human trafficking are involved with Central CoC & attend the monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings. They offer insights & suggestions during these meetings. When specific policies are being looked at for updates or revisions, applicable agencies are contacted directly for guidance. CoC staff conducted several site visits over the last year to VSPs to discuss policies & procedures & enhance partnerships. 2.Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures state: Through education and training on Historical Trauma and Trauma Informed Care assessors will increase cultural knowledge, awareness, and sensitivity to respond in a way that promotes healing. Central MN CoC will ensure that survivors of domestic violence and those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking will have access to resources regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. CES will attempt to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, and stalking survivors who have been housed in Central MN CoC homeless dedicated housing programs through Coordinated Entry. All advocates are trained in completing individual safety plans and Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders, Orders for Protection, and Harassment Orders. An advocate assists clients to get a Family Safety MFIP/DWP Employment Plan if needed. Additional training includes Trauma Informed Care, Cultural Competence, victim-centered approaches to understand trauma reactions and Motivational Interviewing. These approaches are utilized in written manuals & all actions throughout the shelter. Practices and policies have been established that keep the most vulnerable and at-risk residents safe. Victims are given the opportunity to complete an assessment tool for an anonymized alternative database priority list to secure housing in the place of their choosing. Individualized case plans focus on strengths to empower survivors to make their own choices & set their goals, emphasizing participant’s strengths. Staff are trained on equal access, cultural competencies and nondiscrimination. Anna Marie’s, a DV shelter in the CoC makes their training series available to the full CoC at no charge. Anna Marie’s receives money through the DOJ as well as being a program partner and subrecipient and service provider in a DV Bonus RRH project in the CoC.

1C-5b.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC follows HUD CE Notice: Section II.B.10: Survivors of domestic violence & those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, & human trafficking will have access to resources, regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. Individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence & victims of trafficking must have safe & confidential access to the Coordinated Entry process & victim services, including access to the comparable process used by victim service providers, as applicable, & immediate access to emergency services such as domestic violence hotlines & shelter. Providers in Central MN CoC will complete annual training to implement best practices & utilize Trauma Informed approaches, cultural trauma, domestic violence, & trafficking. Our CES has local DV hotlines staffed 24/7 to ensure that all persons fleeing or attempting to flee DV or sexual assault have immediate access to crisis response services. 2. Central CoC has implemented an Emergency Referral Process to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, & stalking survivors who have been housed through CES. When possible, HH information is de-identified & kept confidential. If no immediate viable transfer is available thru the current housing provider, the housing provider follows the Emergency Transfer Procedure to initiate assistance from the CES. The HH is then prioritized for the next available housing vacancy for which they meet the requirements. The current housing provider continues to safety plan with the household & follow best practices to ensure a rapid & safe resolution. This process has been used successfully during the last year. All provisions of the VAWA are followed in Central CoC, including the recent VAWA changes from HUD. DV definitions have been updated. An alternative database was implemented where VSPs can list their households anonymously so they can be referred to housing openings through CES. All information provided to a housing provider concerning incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be kept confidential & such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections, & such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except as allowed by law.

1C-5c.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes

	Other? (limit 500 characters)	
7.		

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1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:

	1. whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
	2. how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
	3. what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
	4. what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC follows HUD policy: Individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence & victims of trafficking must have safe & confidential access to the Coordinated Entry process & victim services, including access to the comparable process used by victim service providers, as applicable, & immediate access to emergency services such as domestic violence hotlines & shelter. CoCs & VSPs provide annual training to providers on Trauma Informed Care, Strengths Based Assessments & Motivational Interviewing. Central MN CoC will ensure that survivors of domestic violence & those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, & human trafficking will have access to resources regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. Clients are assessed & placed on the Priority List via an alternative database which contains no personally identifiable information allowing for maximum choice for housing & services via referrals the same as the HMIS Priority List while protecting their identity by using replacement identifiers to assure anonymity. 2.If a household needs an emergency transfer, they contact the housing provider who submits the VAWA Form (HUD Form 5380) to the PLM. The household is prioritized for the next available housing vacancy in which they meet the requirements. 3.CE Emergency Transfer Policy: CES will attempt to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, & stalking survivors who have been housed through the CES. A housing provider may initiate the Emergency Transfer Policy by submitting the VAWA form (HUD Form 5380) to the PLM. The housing provider should indicate the household's ID # & needed housing setting for the purposes of safety & security. The household will then be prioritized for the next available housing vacancy in which they meet the requirements. While CES will prioritize the household for the next available vacancy that would meet the indicated need, CES cannot guarantee a housing placement or timing. The current housing provider will continue to safety plan with the household & follow best practices to ensure a rapid & safe resolution. If a successful housing referral occurs, the current housing provider will assist in facilitating a warm hand off to the new provider. The Emergency Transfer process was used successfully during the last year. This entire process is under continued review due to the new HUD VAWA expansion.

1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Central CoC has implemented an alternative database which acts as our deidentified Priority List for VSPs and Youth organizations. VSPs place households in this database similar to using HMIS but using a Microsoft Form. However, all personally identifiable information is eliminated. A unique identifier is assigned to each household which is used for referrals in place of client names or an HMIS ID#. The VSP is the only place that knows which household that unique identifier is assigned to. This alternative database is maintained and accessible only to the PLM. When a Housing Referral Request is received by the PLM, households on the alternative database are included the same as households on the HMIS Priority List in order to make all potential housing opportunities available to survivors the same as those households on the mainstream HMIS Priority List. Housing provider referrals are given the unique identifier as well as the contact information for the VSP. They must then contact the VSP to initiate contact with the household. VSPs have also established relationships with service agencies where they can refer clients with confidence that the client's identity will be protected and their safety will be a primary focus. VSPs are active throughout our CoC region. CES staff has provided training directly to many of these providers. These organizations also attend the monthly CoC meetings to learn about resources and issues. Additionally, our 24/7 Call to Connect number has DV services as its first option. This connects directly to our CoCs largest DV provider. The CoC is in active conversations regarding the newly expanded HUD VAWA rule and domestic violence definition. The DV definition has already been updated in the CES Policies & Procedures. People with lived experience of homelessness are an integral part of these conversations as they bring forward real life barriers others may not think of. The CES Advisory Council meets at least quarterly to review policies and procedures and recommend revisions to the CoC Full Membership Committee and the Governing Board. VSPs are also involved in our ongoing process including a VSP who partners with a PHA in St. Cloud through a DV RRH HUD/CoC funded program.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:

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| 1. | identifying barriers specific to survivors; and |
| 2. | working to remove those barriers. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Lived experience HHs are critical in our work to identify barriers. Listening sessions are held and lived experience consultants attend the monthly CoC meetings and monthly Governing Board meetings where they are encouraged to speak freely about barriers and issues. CoC staff have conducted several DV provider site visits over the last year to discuss issues & processes & provide trainings. These visits help us understand provider limitations which can sometimes inadvertently cause barriers for the victims. 2. CES staff regularly communicates with VSP providers via phone & emails to troubleshoot identified issues. The CoC is in active conversations regarding the newly expanded HUD VAWA rule & domestic violence definition. The DV definition has already been updated in the CES Policies & Procedures. People with lived experience of homelessness are an integral part of these conversations as they bring forward real life barriers others may not think of. The CES Advisory Committee meets at least quarterly to review policies & procedures & recommend revisions to the CoC Full Membership Committee & Governing Board. VSPs are also involved in our ongoing process including a VSP who partners with a PHA in St. Cloud through a DV RRH HUD/CoC funded program. Central CoC has implemented an alternative database which acts as our deidentified Priority List for VSPs & Youth organizations. VSPs place households in this database similar to using HMIS but using a Microsoft Form. All personally identifiable information is eliminated. A unique identifier is assigned to each household which is used for referrals in place of client names or an HMIS ID#. The VSP is the only place that knows which household that unique identifier is assigned to. This alternative database is maintained & accessible only to the PLM. When a Housing Referral Request is received by the PLM, households on the alternative database are included the same as households on the HMIS Priority List in order to make all potential housing opportunities available to survivors the same as those households on the mainstream HMIS Priority List. Housing provider referrals are given the unique identifier as well as the contact information for the VSP. They must then contact the VSP to initiate contact with the household. VSPs have also established relationships with service agencies where they can refer clients with confidence that the client's identity will be protected & their safety will be a primary focus.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy—Updating Policies—Assisting Providers—Evaluating Compliance—Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC regularly reviews all Policies & Procedures. During 2022, HUD TA was accessed to help assess policies needing updates. Stakeholder feedback was solicited and was used to make changes and ensure policies meet all current Federal & State laws. All CoC and CES Policies & Procedures are reviewed and updated as necessary at the CoC annual meeting held in February. A complete review and revision were approved in February 2023. If a significant issue is identified during the year or a law or statute is changed, policies can be amended through the CoC Governing Board outside of the annual meeting. LGBTQ+ agencies are active participants in the committees, CoC Full Membership Committee and Governing Board. 2. CoC anti-discrimination policies are included in the CoC and CES Policies & Procedures and required to be followed by all HUD and State funded organizations. The CoC acts as a resource for providers so that they can receive guidance on policies. Requests are received from agencies, and the CoC Coordinator does research as necessary to provide current and correct guidance. The annual NOFO process is used as a leveraging point as programs must provide documentation of policies and the trainings required for their respective staff. Additionally, this is part of the annual trainings required for all CoC participating agencies. A Fair Housing training was provided to all attendees of a monthly CoC membership meeting in 2024. 3. As part of the NOFO scoring process, documentation is collected from applying agencies. Applicants are required to complete an Equal Access Checklist as part of the application packet and they are scored based on their answers and submitted supporting documentation. A compliance and monitoring staff position has been recently added which will be doing site visits to verify compliance and implementation of policies. 4. If issues are identified, the CoC Coordinator will contact agency leadership and alert them to what needs to be addressed. Most of the time, issues identified are quickly and easily remedied. If larger or systemic issues are identified, training is recommended, or HUD staff may be contacted for additional support.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area—New Admissions—General/Limited Preference—Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
St. Cloud HRA	18%	Yes-Both	Yes
Brainerd HRA	15%	No	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC’s geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or |
| 2. | state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC has strong working relationships with the PHAs within the CoC. Central CoC works closely with the St. Cloud, Brainerd, and Stearns County HRA’s, all of which are active participants on the CoC Full Membership Committee. The St. Cloud HRA has a general homeless preference. The Brainerd and Stearns County HRAs do not have a written homeless preference but notify the CoC when they are opening up the waiting list for their HCV and PH units so that homeless households are able to be one of the first people applying for housing. We continue to encourage PHA’s to provide a homeless preference for their HCV and PH programs. Most major PHA’s in Central CoC have very large waiting lists. As a result their waiting lists have been closed for several years. Central CoC is working to have collaborations with HRAs that do not currently participate in the CoC Full Membership committee as they can provide valuable partnerships with other organizations as we work to house households as quickly as possible. St. Cloud HRA was awarded 7 Housing Stability Vouchers and Stearns County HRA was awarded 5 Housing Stability Vouchers. This facilitated the CoC to collaborate with both HRAs as they worked with Coordinated Entry to receive referrals and worked with other agencies within the CoC to complete assessments to place clients on the Priority List. The CoC and Coordinated Entry staff assisted Stearns County HRA as they obtained their HMIS license, trained staff, requested housing referrals, and worked through the Stability Voucher process.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC’s jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
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1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Applications for Housing Stability Vouchers

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.h.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.
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1.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	19
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	19
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation;
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and
4.	what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In order for a new employee to be licensed to use HMIS, they must attend training through Coordinated Entry that includes requirements, expectations, and implementation of Housing First. All CoC funded programs are required to complete an annual Housing First Checklist: Assessing Projects and Systems for a Housing First Orientation form as part of the funding application process. There are specific points allotted during the scoring process based on the results of the Housing First Checklist. Additionally, the CoC has implemented the HUD Housing First Standards Assessment Tool for use in monitoring Housing First compliance. 2. Specific standards evaluated include Access & Evaluation, Leases, Services & Housing, and Project Specific Standards. Every agency applying for funding was required to complete the Tool in conjunction with CoC staff. Results from the Tool were awarded corresponding points during the scoring process for applications. 3. Coordinated Entry referrals are reviewed quarterly to determine if denials are based on any criteria that is in violation of the Housing First policy. If any concerning trends are identified, additional training is provided and these trends are considered as part of the Scoring & Ranking process for the annual NOFO application. Data is collected and analyzed from HMIS and agency APRs that show an agency's success rate in rapid placement through Length of Time Homeless, and stabilization through Returns to Homelessness. These elements are a part of the scoring process for the annual NOFO application. During 2024, the CoC had a temporary intern to do additional data analysis. Part of this analysis was to look at the denial rates of each agency receiving housing referrals. The number of denials and the corresponding reason for denial was analyzed and tabulated so that CES staff could identify any programs where there might be concern that Housing First is not being applied. 4. Expanded money in the CoC Planning Grant for FY2023 allowed the CoC to hire a compliance and monitoring coordinator to do site visits and have more extensive conversations, visually verify policies and procedures, and provide retraining as needed with agencies where potential concerns have been identified.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has street outreach workers covering 100% of the CoC. Street outreach is conducted at least weekly to encampments when located. Police notify outreach workers if unsheltered persons are located so that someone can offer them services. Our rural areas have outreach workers who will go out to areas when an unsheltered person has been located &/or the agency has been notified. Outreach services are provided several times a week. Youth street outreach is conducted across the CoC on a daily basis including evenings & weekends. Outreach targets homeless in encampments, transit hubs, on the streets, in vehicles & other places not meant for habitation, connecting them with services to meet their immediate needs, conducting assessments & entering data into HMIS (when possible). To reduce barriers, outreach workers come to people, rather than scheduling office appointments that require travel. Outreach goes to multiple emergency shelters at least weekly. Workers receive training in trauma-informed, person-centered care, motivational interviewing, & unique strategies for youth, veterans, trafficked, persons with serious mental illness, & substance users. CoC maintains a 24/7 Call to Connect phone line for people needing housing assistance without having to get to a particular agency. Outreach posters & business cards are given to businesses, property owners, emergency responders, places of worship, libraries, food shelves, & non-profit organizations. Outreach workers have internet connected devices so the household has access to online services. CoC tailored outreach efforts to target those least likely to request assistance through hiring people with lived experience from targeted populations, targeting strategic locations for outreach & using communication tools that are accessible to various subpopulations. Strong collaborations have been formed between law enforcement/emergency service providers including transporting individuals to shelters & providing contact information to needed services. This includes the use of the CAT (Critical Action Team) which is specifically trained to work with the highest barrier unsheltered homeless people as well as embedded social workers with law enforcement and at the jails. Other strategies include attending county fairs, Community Connect events, regular site visits to food shelves and drop-in centers.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	No
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No

4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
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1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.I.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	194	234

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 1. | works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and |
| 2. | promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. An effective method has been to have providers regularly attend full CoC meetings. They have opportunities to talk about their services & programs. Agencies get contact information directly through these conversations. An array of mental health, substance abuse, & health care providers attend regularly. When a new provider or service is identified, they present to the full CoC. For example, a new mobile health clinic that is BIPOC owned & operated & offers a wide range of free services presented on their services, locations, & processes & told all the attendees how to contact them &/or connect their clients to them. County reps attend regularly scheduled meetings to share updates & opportunities for training with other organizations. The CoC disseminates the availability of mainstream resources & assistance information to projects monthly at Full Membership & other meetings. CoC emails updated information on resources on an ongoing basis. Central CoC works with programs to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance by including health care organizations in local meetings & discussions where updates are shared. Participants are connected to certified navigators to help enroll for health coverage through MNsure. CoCs Call to Connect process is used to refer to programs for clients to get health insurance when the need is identified during the initial assessment process. Programs are connected with mental health providers who provide on-site services and in-kind services for CoC funded programs. The CoC is part of a project that partners health care, mental health, corrections, & housing to assist frequent users of Emergency Room services who are identified as homeless. This project successfully provides mental health services & assistance in obtaining stable housing combined with health care services. MN has statewide websites for Disability Benefits 101 & Housing Benefits 101. These programs provide access to information on SSI/SSDI, health care, SNAP, Energy Assistance, work programs, childcare, Vets housing, Housing & Supports Programs & forms to apply. Agencies use these websites to help clients apply for mainstream services. 2. Several current CoC programs have SOAR trained staff to assist with SSDI applications or have partnerships with SOAR certified programs. These resources are shared during organization presentations & announcements.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates with MN Department of Health (MDH) who developed specific infectious disease response guidance for homeless service sites and other congregate settings including providing test kits, gift cards and other resources to support screening and testing for infectious diseases—including COVID-19, HIV, hepatitis, and syphilis—in shelters and encampments. The MDH Highly Impacted Settings team developed COVID-19 policies & procedures for homeless service providers related to testing, case reporting, mitigation strategies, & access to therapeutics. MDH includes homeless & correctional settings as part of its Incident Command Structure for outbreak response. Information & updates are provided at monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings & at Provider Collaboration meetings every other week. These meetings are critical in identifying sites of potential outbreaks & promoting vaccination clinics & testing sites. It also helps find openings for quarantine or where people can be moved to decrease capacity quickly to stop the spread. CoC staff attends monthly statewide meetings where MDH shares updates, concerns, & plans around various outbreaks & this information is brought back to the CoC for planning purposes.

2. The CoC collaborates with & promotes:

- A. Homeless service providers can access free COVID-19 tests, personal protective equipment, & supplies for on-sight isolation & quarantine through MDH.
- B. MDH has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit to provide guidance & resources for homeless programs.
- C. Providing grants to support testing, needle exchange, and other infectious disease services specifically for people experiencing homelessness. MDH provides grants to support HIV prevention, training, & early intervention services for people experiencing homelessness.
- D. A statewide Syringe Services Program (SSP) for people experiencing homelessness, & homeless overdose prevention hubs to provide holistic care to people who use drugs or are in recovery.
- E. MDH’s harm reduction specialist has grantees working with people experiencing homelessness in encampments & settings where unhoused populations can be found.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
	2. facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC facilitated presentations by Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to the CoC Full Membership Committee on resources available, grant opportunities, and programs that shelters can be a part of. This included the impact of public health and homelessness & communications for homeless service providers about how to protect their people from public health concerns. Since the COVID-19 pandemic MDH has boosted its efforts to communicate information to homeless service providers about public health and homelessness. In 2023, MDH released Minnesota’s first-ever Homeless Mortality Report, which found that, between 2017-2021, the mortality rate for people experiencing homelessness was 3x higher than the general population. MDH presented the findings of this report to all the CoCs. MDH also maintains a website of public health and homelessness resources. MDH maintains a GovDelivery listserv to share infectious disease information with homeless service providers. CoCs meet with MDH regularly at statewide Quarterly Partners meeting to share updates and discuss pressing topics. MDH is also soliciting feedback from CoC leadership on a planned statewide Shelter Health Assessment, which will be completed in 2025. 2. The CoC conducts monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings where providers from the whole CoC meet & information & updates are shared. Information regarding vaccinations, testing sites, & funding for mitigation & staffing shortages are shared. Informational emails are forwarded via the CoC listserv as well as links to funding sources. If outbreaks occur, MDH works with MN Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH) and CoCs around communication. Programs are encouraged to subscribe to the MDH listserv to get infectious disease information. MDH attends meetings with CoC & homeless providers to share infectious disease updates (e.g., surveillance data, guidance, etc.) & learn of local public health concerns. The State of Minnesota shares information on public health measures with homeless service providers through the MICH newsletter and webinars. MDH held regular meetings with provider subgroups (e.g., outreach workers, youth shelter providers) to offer guidance and address specific concerns for those settings. MDH and local public health agencies have supported free on-site vaccination clinics at homeless settings. Wellness Bus visits are scheduled & announced.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC’s geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CES covers 100% of the CoC using multiple CE access sites. Due to its large geographic area (13 counties/12,000 square miles) the CoC has 3 regions - Northern, Eastern & Central. All CE activities are provided to people in all regions. Central CES has an open access policy so HHs can be assessed through any of the regional entry sites & receive CES services over the entire geographic area. Central CoC has a Call to Connect 1-800 phone line which is available 24/7 with the option to leave a message when outside business hours. Call to Connect fliers are given to agencies to post at their locations. Policies are in place to ensure those fleeing DV & Trafficking are provided an alternative CES Priority List so they are not excluded from the CES while protecting this vulnerable population. Street outreach workers assess those who may not come in for services going to encampments, food shelves, parks, & libraries to assess households and put them on the PL. 2. A common assessment tool is used to determine the level of service needed for the household. Diversion, prevention, or homeless assistance options are determined. HHs are entered on the Priority List based on assessment outcomes & client choice. Priority categories are established & reviewed yearly to ensure those most in need are placed highest on the PL. The VI-SPDAT was eliminated from the CoC in 2023 & replaced with a revised Assessment process & Prioritization Order. Those with the highest barriers to housing that have been homeless the longest are the first to be referred for appropriate housing. HHs are referred to providers with an opening matching the households service needs through the CE process. All CoC funded agencies agree to accept households thru the PL. 3. The Central CoC assessment form collects only information required for HMIS purposes & housing referrals to prevent collecting nonessential information. Being a common assessment form, there is no need for different agencies to collect information that has already been collected, thus preventing traumatization through repeating stories. 4. CES policies & procedures are reviewed at least annually & input from providers, agencies, & people with lived expertise is used to ensure that processes are fair, consistent, & equitable. These are considered living documents, able to be revised as needed. The Policies & Procedures are reviewed & updated by the CoC Full Membership Committee & CoC Governing Board at their annual meetings.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry—Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Street outreach workers assess those who do not come in for services. They go to encampments, emergency shelters, food shelves, parks, & libraries to reach out and assess households and put them on the PL. Call to Connect cards and fliers are given to agencies to hand out and post in public areas so households have a 24-hour phone number available to be assessed for services. Information is available on the CoC website that can be accessed without contacting an agency. 2. A common assessment is conducted to determine the level of services needed for the household, then entered on the Priority List based on assessment score & client choice. Priority categories are established and reviewed yearly to ensure those most in need are placed highest on the PL. Those with the highest barriers to housing that have been homeless the longest are the first to be chosen for appropriate housing. The household is referred to providers with an opening matching the needed service through the CE process. All CoC funded agencies agree to accept households from the Priority List. 3. By placing people on the Priority List, all households are initially considered for every housing opening that seeks a referral. This allows people to potentially be referred quickly based on their level of barriers and service needs. Clients are always offered the choice of whether they would like to pursue a particular housing option or not. Pros and cons are presented so clients can make an informed decision. 100% of housing referrals requests were responded to within 3 business days over the last year. 4. To reduce burdens on the households, assessment workers are expected to reach out to households at least monthly to maintain contact. The CoC also implemented Housing Navigators CoC-wide who can assist clients with the certification process as well as obtaining legal documents and completing applications as needed. All assessment tools were analyzed and any unnecessary or trauma-inducing questions were removed. Programs are being trained on the 7 Steps of Coordinated Entry so that households will experience a consistent and streamlined process regardless of the assessment site and reducing the need to give information more than once.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:

1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CES staff conduct monthly meetings with programs throughout the full CoC to share information and resources. The full CoC membership also meets monthly to share resources and network. Agencies provide flyers and information via email which are distributed CoC-wide to all agencies for distribution to clients. Outreach workers bring information and resources to those who may not come into agencies. Per the CoC P&P: Participating in any aspect of CE such as access, assessment, prioritization, or referral shall be afforded equal access to CE services and resources without regard to a person’s actual or perceived membership in a federally protected class such as race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability. Additionally, all people in different populations and subpopulations in the CoC’s geographic area, including people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, and survivors of domestic violence, shall have fair and equal access to the Coordinated Entry process. 2. The CoC and CES Policies & Procedures are both posted in their entirety on the CoC website. Both contain the rights and remedies available under Federal, State, and Local Fair Housing and Civil Rights laws. All CoC funded programs are required to post Equal Access and Fair Housing information in areas where clients can see them. This is verified during the CoC NOFO scoring process. All agencies are strongly encouraged to post these notices and follow their requirements regardless of CoC funding status. 3. If any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice are identified, the CoC will first address them directly with the provider or agency. If that action is not sufficient, the CoC will reach out to appropriate State and Federal agencies to request further intervention. The CoC will also provide the appropriate contact information to the household so they can file complaints or request assistance as appropriate.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/23/2023

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC’s Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC uses the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool annually to get an overview of the outcomes across all populations. This combines data from the latest PIT Count, AHAR, and Census information. Additionally, a Needs & Gaps Analysis is conducted at least twice a year using HMIS data and analysis. This shows very detailed outcomes based on specific demographics as well as being able to detail outcomes for individual counties. The Tool and Analysis are discussed at the CoC Full Membership Committee and Governing Board and Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee further analyzes the outcomes. Recommendations are brought back to the full CoC for implementation. 2.The CoC hired a part time intern to do data analysis with a specific goal of doing a deep dive into racial equity data and identifying needs and gaps. The intern used a wide range of HMIS data tables as well as HUD data to do this analysis. This analysis was done at both the CoC-wide as well as at the by-county level. The CoC has identified a particular area of concern with our Native American population. They are significantly over-represented in the data. Their disproportionate presence as well as outcomes are both concerning. In particular, they are significantly overrepresented in unsheltered homelessness. Blacks are also over-represented in several areas but less than the Native American population. Maintaining/increasing incomes is problematic for Blacks and Native Americans.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to prevent or eliminate racial disparities.

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC uses the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool annually to get an overview of the outcomes across all populations. This combines data from the latest PIT Count, AHAR, and Census information. Additionally, a Needs & Gaps Analysis is conducted at least twice a year using HMIS data and analysis. This shows very detailed outcomes based on specific demographics as well as being able to detail outcomes for individual counties. The Tool and Analysis are discussed at the CoC Full Membership Committee and the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity committee does deeper analysis and develops recommendations that are brought back to the full CoC for implementation. Additionally, the CoC hired a part time intern to do data analysis with a specific goal of doing a deep dive on racial equity data and identifying needs and gaps. The intern used a wide range of HMIS data tables as well as HUD data to do this analysis. This analysis was done at both the CoC-wide as well as the by-county level. The newly added Compliance and Monitoring staff person will pull data through HMIS, HUD and the Census Bureau and create ongoing monitoring reports. This will help us identify specific programs that are not achieving equitable outcomes. Policies & Procedures are reviewed annually through committees, the CoC Full Membership Committee and the Governing Board. Lived experience consultants will provide input on unintended consequences of the policies & procedures. The increased diversity of participants in the CoC Full Membership Committee and Governing Board will also ensure ongoing evaluation of how the CoC does business. Sometimes the real life experiences are more meaningful than data analysis.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses SPM Measures 1-LOT Homeless, 2>Returns to Homelessness, 3-Number of HHs in ES, SH, & TH, 4-Changes in Income, 5-1st Time Homelessness, & 7-Successful Exits to PH to monitor progress. These measures can be monitored through HMIS reporting which can be disaggregated to show outcomes by race & ethnicity. This data can also be parsed to the program level so we can monitor the yearly progress of individual programs. Regular reports are provided to the full CoC by the HMIS provider with detailed data, analysis & next steps identified. Data reports are run by the CES manager to identify any possible trends in denials of housing referrals by individual programs. If concerns are identified, upper program staff are contacted & discussions are held to determine causes as well as provide training options as needed. 2. CES Monitoring Reports and Racial Equity data from HMIS are collected quarterly & analyzed to identify disparities so intentional & targeted efforts can be applied to those areas. Programmatic outcomes are now collected on an ongoing basis so equity issues can be identified in specific programs. The racial demographics have improved at CoC meetings with increased numbers of Black & Native American participants. These demographics are now represented on the committees & Governing Board. Having diverse voices is a powerful tool for equity. Provider level data is being collected through HMIS & APRs & analyzed specifically to identify any disparities for BIPOC individuals in areas such as placements to permanent housing, housing stability, length of time homeless & increasing income compared to non-BIPOC individuals. The Annual NOFO Scoring Tool breaks outcomes down by race & ethnicity for each program that receives HUD CoC funding. This data is directly used for scoring NOFO applications. The 2024 NOFO application included scoring of all projects on the diversity of staff, management, & leadership & scored specific data points based on outcomes for BIPOC individuals. Additional questions compared agency demographics to census demographics for the service area to determine if agency staff & leadership are representative of the service area. This made agencies pay attention to these outcomes in a focused way that was not previously occurring. Programs were also required to provide a narrative about what efforts they are implementing to address differences in demographics of staff/leadership versus clients served.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.q.

Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decisionmaking processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a permanent link on our website for People with Lived Experience. This link accesses the CoCs Policy for PLEs as well as the application that someone can complete if they are interested in applying to be a paid PLE consultant to the CoC. This form can be emailed or mailed to the CoC Coordinator. Announcements are also made at CoC Full Membership Committee meetings encouraging program employees to refer PLEs they are familiar with. The CoC is also listed on the website for the Lived Experience Advocacy Network (LEAN), a statewide nonprofit that promotes opportunities for PLEs to be involved. When openings occur on the Governing Board or CoC committees, PLEs who are currently paid consultants are considered and are contacted directly by CoC staff to extend invitations for appropriate opportunities.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	5
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	5
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	5	5
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	5	5

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a mentorship process for people with lived expertise who are paid consultants. This is initially a 3-month mentorship to help understand the CoC and its many facets. Many organizations prioritize hiring people with lived expertise. In particular, Community Action Programs are mandated that 1/3 of their Board is representative of their client demographics. Individuals that are hired at organizations are provided regular training opportunities along with all staff. Some agencies (including the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC) have been able to eliminate the requirement for a college degree and have been able to accept relevant experience instead. By posting job openings on mainstream job sites, a wider variety of people are able to apply for jobs. CoC trainings are made available to the lived experience consultants at no cost and are offered virtually whenever possible to remove barriers to attendance. Several PLEs were involved in scoring grants for the CoC. This included the NOFO, MN Housing Finance Agency Planning Grant and DHS-OEO ESG grant applications. This provides vital experience in the grant process as well as expanding their knowledge of programs, requirements, and funding.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;
4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Up to 7 PLEs are paid consultants to the CoC. They receive an hourly rate for any meetings of the CoC that they attend. We regularly have PLEs at CoC Full Membership Committee meetings, Governing Board meetings, and many of the CoC subcommittees. We also have PLE specific meetings where other agencies do not attend so that they feel free to speak candidly. 2.PLEs provide feedback to the CoC multiple times monthly. The PLEs are at our monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings as well as the monthly Governing Board meetings. Specific PLE discussions are held 2-3 times per year. We also have a PLE on our Ranking and Scoring Committee for the NOFO applications. PLEs regularly email CoC staff to alert us to issues or concerns when they arise. 3.Our PLE consultants are all individuals who have received or are receiving assistance through CoC programs. Additionally, most CoC funded programs conduct internal surveys annually of their client base to solicit feedback on services and outcomes. CoC staff also attend monthly community meetings where PLEs speak candidly about how things are going in our communities. 4.The CoC receives feedback at least twice per month due to PLE attendance at CoC Full Membership Committee meetings, Governing Board meetings and subcommittees. 5.The CoC used PLE feedback during this year’s scoring and ranking process for the NOFO. This included asking PLEs what areas needed attention/scoring in advance of the actual scoring process. Feedback gleaned over the last year was discussed at the scoring and ranking meeting. PLEs meet with CoC staff to discuss areas of focus to be taken back to the full CoC and Governing Board. Agencies that have been areas of concern for PLEs have been contacted by CoC staff to discuss how they are serving the clients and discussed changes that need to be made. One example is continual complaints that agencies were not answering calls or returning voice mails. This was addressed monthly at full CoC meetings including showing the answer rates by agency of our Call to Connect number. We have seen a 20% increase in the number of calls being answered over the last 6 months.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply. NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC’s geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CoC Staff has met in person with the Mayor and City staff in St. Cloud, our highest population area in the CoC, to have discussions where the housing needs were examined as well as discussion of possible zoning and land use changes that are needed. Additionally, CoC staff attends a committee of a Housing Summit held in St. Cloud this year. This Summit brought together City officials and staff, housing developers, state housing staff, service agencies, and funders to specifically discuss housing needs and to determine regulatory and statutory changes needed to create more housing. 2.Direct conversations between CoC staff and City staff occurred. The CoC is also a partner in the annual MN Housing Finance Agency RFP process to award money for housing development. CoC staff attends meetings with MHFA staff to discuss barriers and opportunities as well as ways that MHFA can streamline the RFP process to get housing built faster in the areas with the most need.

1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/22/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/22/2024

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	148
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	15
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process. NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC utilizes a NOFO Scoring Tool report through HMIS. This report shows outcomes specific to each program receiving HUD funding. The data has summary data as well as client specific data. The data is also disaggregated to show outcomes by race and ethnicity, Data analysis includes LOT in permanent housing, destination on exit, returns to homelessness within 12 months of a permanent exit, increase/decrease/maintenance of earned and unearned income, and number of HHs served quarterly. 2.The CoC analyzed data from the SPMs for CoC-wide data and outcomes. Additionally, HMIS reports show LOT in specific programs. Outcomes of housing referrals to all CoC funded programs are tracked and analyzed to determine if specific programs are taking longer to house people. 3.The CoC has developed a Prioritization Order for housing referrals that is based on the severity of barriers to housing specific households. Part of this prioritization is the use of a Scoring Sheet that was taken from a HUD template. This categorizes barriers in such a way that determining which barriers a HH has can be used to determine if a HH is a better candidate for RRH or PSH. Those scoring 3-4 are referred to PSH. Scores of 1-2 are referred to RRH. 4.Barriers considered include severe mental illness and/or substance abuse, unsheltered, unable to participate in support services, convicted of a HUD ineligible criminal offense, no income, serious health issues, and fleeing DV.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Native Americans are most significantly overrepresented in our CoC. The Scoring and Ranking Committee include 2 Native Americans members on a committee of 7. Additionally, 1 Black person was a part of the Scoring and Ranking process. Involvement was during initial conversations on what and how we wanted to score, and number of points per item. Additionally, the CoC has developed a supplemental form for programs to self-assess their progress in diversity, inclusion, and culturally specific programs and services. The specific questions asked were analyzed by these BIPOC committee members and their feedback and suggestions were included in this years revisions to these forms.

2. All project applications are scored by the CoC Coordinator. Additionally, all applications are assigned to individual members of the Scoring and Ranking Committee. Each project is reviewed and scored by 3 different people and scores are averaged. Committee members reviewed responses to the agency self-assessment form and provided scores and feedback. These scores as well as the specific feedback were all factors in the final ranking process. Scoring high in data points did not necessarily correspond to higher ranking. Housing First, inclusiveness, BIPOC representation, and program outcomes were all considered when determining the final rankings.

3. Projects that were able to articulate barriers were scored and ranked higher than those that didn't. The committee felt that it is just as important to be working towards meaningful change as it is to already have plans in place. It was especially detrimental if programs did not show an understanding of the issues or had any meaningful plans for change. The committee understands that this area is a work in progress and has been consistently monitored over the last several years. If nothing has changed or answers were just cut and pasted from last year, that was a factor in the final rankings.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	

3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.All program applications were analyzed for past performance. If there were significant amounts of unspent funds, that was a factor. The number of HHs served was a factor. HH specific outcomes are scored data points. The scoring factors include returns to homelessness, increase/decrease/maintenance of income. We also looked at gaps in services by geographic area. RRH projects were a priority this year as we have had several RRH projects close in previous years and we are intentionally working to rebuild the number of RRH beds. Projects were also examined on how the client experience has been. Programs that have consistently been sources of complaints and concerns by clients were ranked lower. 2.The CoC determined low performing programs this year. Several programs have been consistently underspending their funds. Some of these funds were reallocated to new projects. Additionally, one program did not meet CoC expectations for number of clients enrolled, types of services provided, or outcomes. This programs' funds were entirely reallocated to a new project at a different agency with a better plan for services and much higher client engagement in an effort to increase client outcomes. 3.Yes, we reallocated some or total funding from 3 different projects this year. 4.NA

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/04/2024

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/04/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/22/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	10/22/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Eccovia-Client Track
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/09/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
	1. describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
	2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. On a statewide basis we have not been able to implement a comparable HMIS database. The current HMIS provider has consistently chosen to not provide a statewide system. The result is that each CoC has worked on alternative options as a stop gap. Central CoC has established an alternative database where DV providers can list HHs with generalized demographics. Because this database is in Excel, we can pull data at some level for analysis. This database cannot be used for .csv uploads to HUD for reporting. It does, however, enable us to refer DV victims and survivors to open housing referrals. Because of the complexity of programming required to accurately create reports and collect usable data, individual CoCs cannot develop the comparable database. This is a duty of the HMIS lead agency in MN. The CoC does not have the ability to require DV providers to purchase a HUD compliant comparable database. These agencies do not receive CoC funding so we have no oversight ability in that regard. The CoC has prioritized the creation of a safe and anonymized database so that HHs can be quickly housed in spite of the lack of a statewide comparable database. This has been well received by our DV providers. 2. To the best of our knowledge, one DV provider in Central CoC is using a HUD compliant database. This is not a statewide database in MN.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.	

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	365	103	180	38.46%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	241	12	137	54.15%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	234	0	234	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	269	0	269	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	527	11	523	97.21%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

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| 1. | steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and |
| 2. | how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The 2 bed types that do not meet the 84.99% threshold are ES-at 39.5% and TH at 53.5%. These 2 are consistently our low areas. These areas are difficult to influence as they do not receive HUD or State funding that would require HMIS participation. Cost is also a factor for smaller ES. The CoC will do outreach to ES and TH that do not participate in HMIS to encourage usage and offer trainings. 2.One tangible step the CoC is taking through this NOFO is to recommend HUD funding for an ES in our CoC. When this funding is received, the agency will be entering client data into HMIS as a new RRH provider. Several ES have begun to do assessments and enter clients into HMIS but it is often entered through County staff so the clients appear to be County clients when certain reports are created. Free assessor training will be offered to agencies who are currently HMIS nonparticipants. The CoC will continue to work on options for a CoC wide comparable database for DV providers. Short of additional funding and/or a HUD or State mandate for nonfunded agencies to use HMIS, this will be a hard sell.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/10/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process;	
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process; and	
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC’s most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Youth serving organizations were a part of our PIT Count planning committee. These organizations provided feedback on methodology and processes. They provided input on using collection forms. They also provided suggestions for places to look for unsheltered youth. Our Youth subcommittee also discussed issues and processes for the PIT and provided feedback to CoC staff on additional places to look for youth. 2. Several youth serving programs were part of specific counting teams that canvassed specific counties or areas. They also were integral in gathering counts at their drop in centers and ensured that all staff members were trained on how to conduct PIT surveys. These programs were particularly crucial in counting potentially trafficked youth. 3. Youth experiencing homelessness were recruited through specific youth serving agencies and assisted them with locating youth to count. These youth were also critical in convincing other youth that it was safe and OK to complete a PIT survey.

2B-4.	PIT Count—Methodology Change—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Additional training was conducted with shelters. Several emergency shelters that have historically either not counted completely or did insufficient data reporting were met with and received ongoing assistance through the process. We got much cleaner and more accurate counts from our emergency shelters. 2. More volunteers were recruited in our rural areas to count unsheltered people. They were able to identify additional places to find people that had been overlooked previously. County staff were also able to help us identify unsheltered people that needed to be counted. 3. Our PIT Count was not affected by displaced or recently arrived people. 4. For emergency shelter and transitional housing counts, we saw an increase in our more rural areas. For unsheltered, we also saw an increase in our rural areas. Overall, our unsheltered counts increased by about 100 people. Even though our rural counts for sheltered went up, the overall CoC sheltered numbers decreased from last year. One factor was a larger emergency shelter in our CoC was closed on PIT night because of a fire. 5. There were changes and we did conduct an unsheltered count.

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reducing the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
2.	describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our risk factors were determined through research of HUD documents. We also convened our Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures Committee to analyze possible factors. This committee included people with lived experience of homelessness. PLEs are critical as they were able to speak from firsthand experience as to what did or did not cause them to become homeless for the first time. Factors were also discussed at the CoC Full Membership Committee and the Governing Board, who had the final vote. PLEs were a part of these steps too. Some risk factors include special needs/medical conditions, behind on rent or utilities, lack of income, no involvement with service providers, and others. 2. The CoC has a robust prevention and diversion process in place. We utilize our Call to Connect phone number where people can call in if they are at risk of becoming homeless. We have a common form used by our assessing agencies that walks through a specific protocol to determine risk of becoming homeless as well as helping brainstorm solutions. The CoC also has money available through a state funded program that makes prevention money available. This money can be used to pay back rent, current rent, and rental deposits. This money is consistently entirely spent each year but has been very effective in preventing homelessness. We currently have 9 agencies with this funding that cover our full CoC geographic area. 3. The CoC staff, including the Coordinator, CES manager, and the compliance and monitoring staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy in conjunction with the CoC Governing Board.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

	1. natural disasters?	No
	2. having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

- In the field below:
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| | 1. describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless; | |
| | 2. describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and | |
| | 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our Prioritization order is key to this strategy. By prioritizing those with the most barriers to homelessness, we ensure they are referred to appropriate housing quickly. Without this prioritization, these households would likely struggle to find housing. Additionally, HUD homeless households are assigned to housing navigators. The navigators work closely with the clients to determine barriers to housing, help complete certifications, and help acquire income and services that will help the clients be ready to move quickly when they are referred to housing. Adding more RRH units also helps house people faster. RRH programs are a priority when scoring and ranking program applications. Housing First is also a critical component. CoC-funded programs are required to follow Housing First and these programs are surveyed and monitored for compliance. The CoC also provides input to tenant screening criteria used by housing developers that are looking for State funding for new projects. 2. Our Priority List has a specific column that lists length of time on the list. Additionally, we determine chronic homeless status during the assessment process. We also establish a housing history for the last 3 years that helps to identify those who have been homeless for the longest time, even if they hadn't been assessed previously. 3. The CoC Coordinator and Coordinated Entry manager in conjunction with the CoC Governing Board are responsible for determining and monitoring this strategy.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

- In the field below:
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| | 1. describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; | |
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2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The strategy for HHs in shelters & RRH to exit to PH destinations include Increasing the number of HHs assessed in shelters & ensure placement on the Priority List so they can be referred quickly to housing openings through CE; Extra focus is placed on accuracy & timeliness of data entry on the PL & maintaining regular contact with households to make referrals faster & increase successful referrals; Work with HHs on a housing plan as they enter the temporary housing including budgeting, plans to increase income & linking HHs to mainstream resources; Find ways for HHs to reduce overall housing costs relative to their budget; Use of tenant/landlord mediation to resolve lease violations through solution driven action plans; On-going case management support that focuses on housing stability &; Increasing affordable housing stock by working with state funding agencies & developers to develop more affordable housing. These strategies will stabilize HH by increasing their income & using available connections to strengthen their ability to obtain and stay in PH. Ongoing analysis of SPMs and increased monitoring and evaluation of providers will present opportunities to improve programming & explore ways to make case management more responsive to real life situations as opposed to theories & guesswork or doing what has always been done. 2.Strategies to assist households maintain PH include: Case managers continue to provide ongoing case management at least 6 months with HHs once they obtain housing to increase problem solving skills needed to retain it; Teach budgeting to identify ways to reduce overall housing costs relative to their income & develop skills to prioritize necessary expenses over optional expenses; Tenant/landlord mediation (if needed) to help resolve lease violations through solution driven action plans and conversations before issues escalate to an eviction point; Link households to mainstream resources they may need, including childcare assistance, medical assistance, veterans assistance, domestic violence resources, SSI/SSDI, workforce agencies, substance abuse treatment, mental health providers & transportation options. 3.The Central MN CoC Coordinator and CE Coordinator are responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless in conjunction with the Governing Board.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. For a higher-level review, the CoCs strategy is to identify individuals & families who return to homelessness by reviewing System Performance Measures (SPM) & Coordinated Entry data. The CoC reviews progress data on SPMs including how many individuals & persons in families have returned to homelessness. Additionally, for a more granular level, reports are obtained from the HMIS provider which track returns to homelessness for individuals on a statewide basis. This ensures that clients who re-enter through another CoC area will be counted as well. The timeframe is 366 days to make sure it is a true 12-month time period. Reports can be set to provide client ID numbers so HHs can be identified and contacted if necessary. 2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness is to utilize a network of resources households can turn to prior to returning to homelessness. The CoC worked with housing providers to revise written standards for RRH & PSH. Updates include expectations on case management services & after care services. A key component in the expectations is communicating early & often with the household about the resources available to maintain housing stability. Providers are committed to re-engaging with households after program exit if the household needs support in re-stabilizing their housing. Service providers may offer longer rent subsidies, intensive case management, assist clients in finding employment & unearned income, and health resources to maximize their housing stability. The CoC has a robust Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program through the State of MN that has funds available to cover past due rent or other specific expenses in order to prevent homelessness. This covers all 3 regions of the CoC and assists hundreds of HHs each year. Landlord Mitigation funds can assist in mediation between landlords & households to enable a household to stay in their current housing and not return to homelessness. Central CoC has a transfer policy for those at risk of homelessness stating if it is determined that a household's needs no longer fit with the program they are currently participating in, or the understanding of their needs have changed since program entry they may have the ability to transition to a different housing program that better fits their needs. 3. CoC Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the rate households return to homelessness in conjunction with the Governing Board.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. We collaborate with area workforce centers, community education, & employment agencies to provide ongoing training & access to employment opportunities. Regional workforce centers provide job readiness programs, employment coaching, resume creation, interview practice & training for specific careers. Agencies identify employers who have flexibility in hiring people with criminal backgrounds. The CoC has programs that focus on promoting youth employment programs. Collaborations with the VA, MAC-V and Veteran Service Officers assist Veterans to receive Veteran employment services. The largest Technical and Community College in the CoC is a member of the CoC Full Membership Committee. They promote specific resources and assistance opportunities for low-income and unstably housed individuals so they can successfully complete training programs needed to get good jobs. 2. CoC agencies have partnerships with for-profit and non-profit employment agencies & workforce centers. This partnership includes on-site services for homeless households that includes resume writing, interview practice and employment coaching. Employment agencies notify homeless service agencies of potential job openings & often provide the training needed for certain jobs. Employment and Training programs assist with individual employment plans, life skills and 1:1 sessions that include job readiness topics. Connection to career clothing for interviews/ job required clothing & emergency bus cards/gas cards support job search and retention. Mainstream employment organizations are essential to the success of households obtaining and/or increasing their cash income. CoC agencies have partnerships with for-profit & non-profit businesses, employment agencies & workforce centers. Opportunities for assistance to pay for additional schooling as well as GED classes are promoted as increasing education often leads to increased income, increased benefits, and more stable employment. Community Action Programs are a critical partner in this work. 3. The CoC Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase job & income growth from employment in conjunction with the Governing Board.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoCs strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes partnerships with agencies assisting individuals with applications for mainstream resources such as Minnesota General Assistance, Minnesota Family Investment Program (both MN unearned income supports), Food Support, SSI, SSDI, unemployment & other unearned income benefits. Central CoC has developed robust connections with Veteran’s agencies to ensure Veterans are connected to Veteran Service Officers and agencies to receive VA benefits including veteran pensions. Individuals with a disability are connected to SOAR for support and assistance with applications and navigating the SSI/SSDI process. Households are assisted in applying for child support, alimony, energy assistance, weatherization, and health insurance. County staff are critical to these connections and the CoC Full Membership Committee has regular attendance by staff from all of the larger counties in the CoC as well as many of the smaller ones. This allows for announcements to be made to the full CoC efficiently. County agencies can also send program updates to the CoC Coordinator for distribution through the CoC-wide email list. Agencies throughout the CoC educate households on services available to them to increase their non-employment cash income and reduce overall household expenses. Households are supported with applications and transportation options to increase access to mainstream resources. Many agencies assist clients in completing applications and obtaining required documentation. CoC Navigators are a critical piece of connecting households to mainstream benefits. The CoC has 4 full time Navigators who assist HUD homeless households identify and apply for non-employment cash income. Navigators share resources, help make connections to program staff, complete applications and collect and submit any required documentation. 2. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC’s Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase non- employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
APFY RRH 2024	PH-RRH	3	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? APFY RRH 2024
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MEVNYK2CMPB4
3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 3
5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serve Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applicants.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7. After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
8. Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	10/21/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/21/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/21/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/21/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	10/21/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/21/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/21/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/21/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting-CoC A...	10/25/2024
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	10/25/2024

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD HDX Competiti...	10/24/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Health Care Forma...	10/21/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	30-Day Deadline P...	10/21/2024

Attachment Details

Document Description: PHA-Homeless Preference

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Document Description: PHA Moving On Preference

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Document Description: Lived Experience Support Letter

Attachment Details

Document Description: Housing First Evaluation

Attachment Details

Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

Attachment Details

Document Description: Scored Forms for One Project

Attachment Details

Document Description: Notification of Projects Reduced-Rejected

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: Local Competition Selection Results

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Document Description: Web Posting-CoC Approved Application

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Document Description: Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application

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Document Description: HUD HDX Competition Report

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Document Description: Health Care Formal Agreements

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Document Description: 30-Day Deadline Posting on Website

Submission Summary

Ensure that the Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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1E. Project Review/Ranking	10/22/2024
2A. HMIS Implementation	10/24/2024
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	10/17/2024
2C. System Performance	10/17/2024
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	10/21/2024
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	10/17/2024
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	10/22/2024

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	10/17/2024
4B. Attachments Screen	10/25/2024
Submission Summary	No Input Required

October 16, 2024

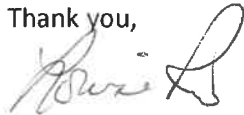
To Whom It May Concern:

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of St. Cloud, Minnesota grants preferences to households that are involuntarily displaced and are not living in standard, permanent replacement housing. Standard, permanent replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe, sanitary, and adequate for the family size and does not include transient facilities.

Involuntary displaced is defined as a household that will be involuntarily displaced if the household has vacated or will have to vacate the unit where the household lives because of the following: displacement by disaster, government action, by action of the housing owner, domestic violence, hate crimes, reprisals, inaccessibility of a unit and HUD disposition of a multifamily project.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of St. Cloud, Minnesota has added the Moving Up or Moving On preference for households that are referred by Coordinated Entry. This preference was added in April 2020.

Thank you,



Louise Reis
Executive Director



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First model, in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically evaluates project-level fidelity to Housing First, which directly impacts a system's fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this tool, Continuums should also take into account their local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of Care can use this tool to prompt discussion and to

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed *prior* to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the **Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population served, and Date of Assessment** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific*. The "Tab" chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be completed,

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of Care to work with projects with victims of domestic violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assessments.

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: "Say It", "Document It", and "Do It" (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark "Always" for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select "Always" or "Somewhat" or "Not at

- "Say It" means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- "Document It" means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include

Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.

- "Do It" means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Evidence could include information contained in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to documentation that supports implementation of the standard, etc.

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable	Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable	Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable	Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.
Acronym (If Applicable)	Bi-Cap
Year Incorporated	
EIN	41-0885981
Street Address	6603 Bemidji Ave North
Zip Code	56601

Project Information	
Project Name	Bi-Cap Northern PSH
Project Budget	\$87,497
Grant Number	MN0538T5K052200
Name of Project Director	Hyacinth Stiffler
Project Director Email Address	hyacinth.stiffler@bicap.org
Project Director Phone Number	218-751-4631
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

Management Information	
Name of CEO	Barb Moran
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CEO Phone Number	218-751-4631
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Hyacinth Stiffler
Staff Email Address	hyacinth.stiffler@bicap.org
Staff Phone Number	218-751-4631

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Brenda Engelking
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Central MN Housing Partnership
Assessor Email Address	bengelking@cmhp.net
Assessor Phone Number	320-258-0684
Date of Assessment	Aug 01 2024



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/ <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable. <i>Programs require documentation before paying out any funds per programs...</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.	Always	Somewhat	Always

Optional notes here

Access 6
 The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry
 Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.

Optional notes here

Access 7
 Exits to homelessness are avoided
 Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.

Staff always tries to work with clients to not have them return to homelessness, but sometime's clients are not ready or willing to work with staff!

Name	Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input <i>Sounds more like a site specific project, this project is a scattered site and households are living far apart and do not know one another. However, during case management meetings, staff will ask households for input and information.</i>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Housing is so scarce and difficult to find, but clients always have a choice in housing.</i>			
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities.	Always	Somewhat	Always
		<i>Refer households to Legal Aid and Helpline</i>			
Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Always	Always	Always

Advocate for clients and encourage property managers to reach out to staff before issues arise. Staff mitigate any issues that may arise. Staff continually reach out to property management for introductions and program descriptions and availability, keeping communication lines open with property management.

Leases 6
Providing stable housing is a priority

Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.

Always

Always

Always

Optional notes here

Leases 7
Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)

While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.

Always

Always

Always

Optional notes here



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	<p>Projects promote participant choice in services</p> <p>Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2	<p>Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	<p>Service support is as permanent as the housing</p> <p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	<p>Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement</p> <p>Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Services 5	<p>Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery</p> <p>Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.</p>	Always	Somewhat	Always

	Standard	Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Services 6	<p>Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed</p>	<p>Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 7	<p>Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)</p>	<p>Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 1	<p>Housing is not dependent on participation in services</p>	<p>Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 2	<p>Substance use is not a reason for termination</p>	<p>Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing Brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 3	<p>The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights</p>	<p>Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.</p>	Always	Always	Always

Optional notes here

Housing 4
Participants have the option to transfer to another project

Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.

Always

Always

Somewhat

Optional notes here



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say it	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability. <i>Resource availability is the key, very few resources in the area. If a unit is available, staff moves quickly to get a household housed.</i>	Always	Always	Please select answer
Project 2	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy. <i>Landlord mitigation and client advocacy for any issues and/or problems that may arise.</i>	Always	Always	Always
		No additional standards			
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
		No additional standards			



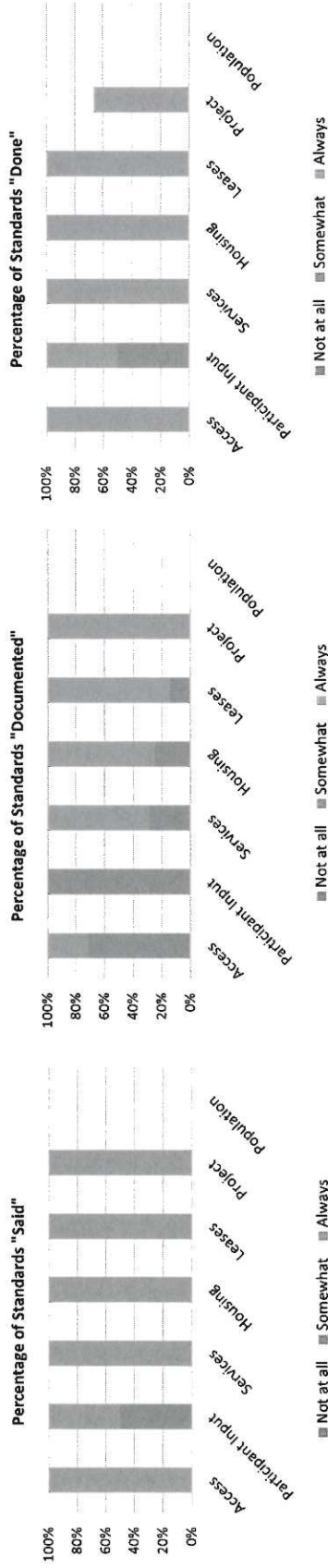
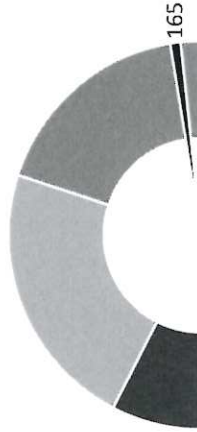
Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.
1-Aug-24

Some standards have not been evaluated. Please return and complete all standards before finalizing report.

Your score: **165**
Max potential score: 180

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



Organization	Volunteers of America of MN & WI
Project Name	Our Home
CoC Model/Component	PSH
Populations Served	Adults/Youth with Children
Project Status	Renewal
Date of Review	9/26/2024
Reviewer	Tim Poland

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Criteria	Eligible	Ineligible	Eligible/	Data Details	Source
Eligible entity	Nonprofits, States, Indian Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, local governments, instrumentalities of State/local governments, and public housing authorities.	Any entity that does not meet criteria identified in earlier column.	Eligible		Pre-application
Eligible population	Meets HUD requirements	Does NOT meet HUD requirements	Eligible		Pre-application
Date of Project App	Application is complete and includes all required attachments and is submitted to CoC coordinator before the deadline.	Application is incomplete, does not include all required attachments and/or is submitted to CoC coordinator after the deadline.	Eligible		CoC Coordinator
HMIS	Project has capacity and/or a plan to participate in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	Project does not have capacity and/or plan to participate in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	Eligible		Pre-application
Match	25% match for everything but leasing.	No or less than 25% required match.	Eligible	25%	Project Application
Coordinated Entry	Applicant participates in or agrees to participate in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry System, including attending training, completing CES assessments and receiving referrals through Coordinated Entry as outlined in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant agrees to these expectations)	Applicant does not agree to participate in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry System (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant DOES NOT agree to these expectations)	Eligible		Pre-application
HUD Monitoring	HUD Monitoring Report is provided as applicable and no unresolved significant findings are identified.	HUD Monitoring Report is not provided (if applicable) or contains unresolved significant findings that should preclude applicant from inclusion.	Eligible		Pre-application

Admin Costs	Admin costs are no more than 10%	Admin costs are greater than 10%.		Eligible	5%	Project Application
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EVALUATION AND RANKING STANDARDS

HUD/LOCAL PRIORITIES

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Chronic Homeless (PSH only)	95% of CoC-funded units are designated to serve chronically homeless individuals	80-94% of CoC-funded units are designated to serve chronically homeless individuals	This project designates fewer than 80% of units to serve chronically homeless individuals	8/4/0	Least Desirable	0		esnaps Application
Veterans	50% or more of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	20-49% of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	<20% of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	4/2/0	Least Desirable	0		esnaps Application
Housing First	Project scores at least 17 out of 19 on the Housing First Checklist.	Project scores 15 or 16 out of 19 on the Housing First Checklist.	Project scores below 15 out of 19 on the Housing First Checklist.	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4	19 of 19	Housing 1st Checklist
Housing First	Project scores 155-180 points on the Housing First Assessment Tool.	Project scores 115-154 points on the Housing First Assessment Tool.	Project scores less than 115 points on the Housing First Assessment Tool.	8/4/0	Desirable	4	152 of 180	Housing 1st Assessment Tool
Unmet Need: Geographic Area	Location and household type priority match	Project has only one priority match	No match	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4		e-snaps application: Households table and location(s)

Equity

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Equal Access	Complies with all items listed on Equal Access checklist		Fails to comply with all items listed on Equal Access checklist	4/0	Least Desirable	0	5 of 7 checked	Equal access checklist
Equity--Staff Composition	At least 20% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	10-19% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	Less than 10% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4	32%	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form

Equity--Staff Composition	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 75%	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 50-74%	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within less than 50% or no data provided	2/1/0	Desirable	1	Statewide is 100%. No local numbers given.	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Board/Leadership Composition	At least 20% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	10-19% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	Less than 10% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4	50% of Board and 60% of Leadership	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Board/Leadership Composition	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 75%	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 50-74%	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within less than 50%	2/1/0	Most Desirable	2	100%	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Inclusiveness of Staff	20% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	10-19% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	Less than 10% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	2/1/0	Least Desirable	0	No data given	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
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Equity--Increase Overall Income	30% or more of BIPOC households increase overall income	20-29% of BIPOC households increase overall income	Less than 20% of BIPOC households increase overall income	4/2/0	Least Desirable	0	0%-0 of 4 HHs	ICA report
Equity--Exits to permanent housing	At least 80% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	75-80% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	Less than 75% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	4/2/0	Least Desirable	0	No exits	ICA report

Equity--Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	Less than 10% of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10-15% of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	15% or more of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4	No returns	ICA report
CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO SERVING YOUTH, FAMILY & CHILDREN								
Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Connection to K-12 education	Written plan with staff qualifications, physical space, partner roles, and evaluation defined	Partial Plan	No Plan	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4		Households with Children Supplement Checklist/plan
Early Childhood Development	Written plan with staff qualifications, physical space, partner roles, and evaluation defined	Partial Plan	No Plan	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4		Households with Children Supplement Checklist/plan
CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE								
Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Domestic Violence (Experience)	Project has at least 5 years experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	Project has 1-4 years experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	Project has less than 1 year experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	4/2/0	Least Desirable	0		Application (# of years)
Domestic Violence (Specialized Sservices)	Project utilizes specialized services model specifically tailored to DV/SA survivors		Project does not utilize specialized services model specifically tailored to DV/SA survivors	4/0	Least Desirable	0		Application
GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE								
Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Bed Utilization Rate	More than 90% utilization of project beds	85-90% utilization of project beds	Less than 85% utilization of project beds.	8/4/0	Most Desirable	8	93%-25 of 27 HHs	APR Q7, APR Q8, ICA Report
Funding management: unspent funds	Spent 95% or more of grant award.	Spent 90-94% of grant award.	Spent 89% or less of grant award.	8/4/0	Most Desirable	8	100%	eLOCCS screenshots
Funding management: drawdowns	Grantee has had at least quarterly drawdowns (4+)		Grantee has had less than quarterly drawdowns (4+)	4/2/0	Most Desirable	4		eLOCCS screenshots

CoC Participation	Project representatives attend at least 75% of CoC meetings	Project representatives attend 50-74% of CoC meetings	Project representatives attend less than 50% of CoC meetings	2/1/0	Most Desirable	2	90%	Meeting attendance sheets
Data Quality (NA for SSO and HMIS projects)	At least 75% of data quality points possible	65-74% of data quality points possible	Less than 65% of data quality points possible	8/4/0	Most Desirable	8	34 of 40 points	APR Q6a-6e, ICA Report
Responded to HUD Priorities Survey	Agency completed the HUD Priorities Survey		Agency did not complete the HUD Priorities Survey	10/0	Most Desirable	10		HUD Priorities Survey
PERFORMANCE MEASURES								
Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	Less than 10% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10-15% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	15% or more of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	8/4/0	Most Desirable	8	No returns	SEC 054 Returns to Homelessness Report, ICA Report
Earned Income--Increase	10% or more increase for PSH, 35% or more for TH, RRH	5-9% for PSH, 20-34% for TH, RRH	Less than 5% for PSH, Less than 20% for TH/RRH	2/1/0	Most Desirable	2	18%-2 of 11 HHs	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Earned Income--Maintain/Increase	20% or more for PSH, 50% or more for TH, RRH	10-19% for PSH, 40-49% for TH, RRH	Less than 10% for PSH, Less than 40% for TH/RRH	2/1/0	Most Desirable	2	27%-3 of 11 HHs	ICA Report
Non-Employment Income--Maintain/Increase	75% or more for PSH, 50% or more for RRH, 10% or more for TH	50-74% for PSH, 40-49% for RRH, 5-9% for TH	Less than 50% for PSH, Less than 40% for RRH, Less than 5% for TH	2/1/0	Desirable	1	64%-7 of 11 HHs	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Increase Overall Income	30% or more	20-29%	Less than 20%	2/1/0	Desirable	1	27%-3 of 11 HHs	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Housing Stability (Retention)—stay more than 12 months (PSH ONLY)	Over 90%	85-90%	Under 85%	8/4/0	Least Desirable	0	57%-8 of 14 HHs	APR upload tool/Length of participation in Project, ICA Report

Exits to permanent housing	At least 90% of participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	75-89% of PSH participants or 80-89% of TH/RRH participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	Less than 75% of PSH participants or less than 80% of TH/RRH participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	8/4/0	Least Desirable	0	20%-1 of 5 HHs	APR Q23a & Q23b, ICA Report
Total Points Received						89		

Tim Poland

From: Tim Poland
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 2:02 PM
To: Jennifer Erdmann (Jennye@lakesandpines.org); Jessica Unkelhaeuser (jessicau@lakesandpines.org); denise.stewart@lakesandpines.org
Subject: Decision to Not Include Programs in the CoC NOFO

Good afternoon Jenny-

This email is to explain why the CoC will not be including the Lakes & Pines Navigator applications in the CoC submission to HUD.

The CoC received a number of new and expansion project applications this year. Requests exceeded our available funding. Upon review of your application, the committee established a number of concerns regarding the current outcomes as well as proposed activities for the new grant term. Specific concerns with the application include: Per the HMIS report pulled for the time period being used for our scoring, Lakes and Pines had only a total of 8 households enrolled in Navigation over the course of 1 year.

This position was vacant for a number of months during the grant period. However nearly all funds were invoiced to HUD. The committee was unable to determine how these funds were used outside of Navigation services.

The grant term listed in Section 1D is incorrect.

The Project Description still has references to LTH and HPH clients, who are not eligible for HUD funding.

The Project Description lists a projected active caseload of 10-12 actively engaged clients with actively engaged being defined as a minimum of 2 contacts per month. The committee felt these projections were inadequate and did not reflect the necessary duties of this position.

The CoC received an application for a new Navigator position covering the same geographic area which we felt was stronger, had better proposed outcomes, and showed a better potential for full use of the funding. As such, Navigation services will continue in this area outside of Lakes and Pines.

The CoC Policies and Procedures manual contains information regarding the appeal process on pages 33-35. Please review this process if you do not agree with our decisions.

Per the CoC timelines for this year's NOFO, project response and appeals are due to the CoC by 4:30 PM on October 15, 2024.

Please feel free to get ahold of me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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Tim Poland

From: Tim Poland
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Louise Reis (lreis@stcloudhra.com)
Subject: Program Reductions for the CoC HUD NOFO

Good afternoon Louise-

This email is to explain why the CoC is proposing reductions to your Rental Assistance 1 and Rental Assistance 5 programs.

The CoC received a number of new and expansion project applications this year. Requests exceeded our available funding. HUD expects the CoC to reallocate funds for new projects where applicable to address issues with spending the full grant amount and/or performance/outcome concerns. As you know, the 2 rental assistance programs are consistently underspent. The Scoring and Ranking Committee felt that there were available unspent funds that would be better utilized through reallocation to a new or expansion program. The committee also felt that these reductions will not jeopardize the continuation of your programs.

Additionally, the committee has decided that we will not be requesting consolidation of your Rental Assistance 1 and Rental Assistance 5 programs this year. Because of differences in geographic locations, service provision, and program outcomes, the committee felt it best to keep them separated in an effort to produce the best outcomes for all program participants.

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Tim Poland

From: Tim Poland
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:49 PM
To: Amy Tudor; Jaime Wilkins
Subject: Decision to Not Include Programs in the CoC NOFO

Good afternoon Amy and Jaime-

This email is to explain why the CoC will not be including the LSS Rapid Rehousing Expansion or LSS Northern Navigator Expansion applications in the CoC submission to HUD. The CoC received a number of new and expansion project applications this year. Requests exceeded our available funding. Upon review of the 2 expansion applications, the committee established a number of concerns regarding the completeness, accuracy and need for these expansions. Specific concerns with the RRH Expansion include: Grant terms listed were not correct. The project type was incorrect. There were incorrect dates in the Project Description. The chart for number of days to execution of the program was done incorrectly. This is not an expansion of an SSO-CE program. All requested funds were listed as Assistance with Moving Cost yet said they were dollars for Rental Assistance. If this was, in fact, an increase in rental assistance, there would need to be the additional rental amount charts completed.

For the Navigator Expansion:

The budget included an additional .1 FTE for increased outreach but there will not be additional staff added. If the current Navigator is 1.0 FTE, it is unclear where the additional staff time will come from. The Project Description discusses an attempt to get additional Admin dollars due to other grants being at less than 10% admin. This is not the appropriate avenue to make those changes. Admin increases can only occur by shifting money from one BLI to the Admin BLI within the current grant. You can not use a new grant to increase Admin on another grant. The Navigator position was unfilled for a number of months over the last year yet submitted draws to HUD for nearly the full grant amount. The committee could not determine what else Navigation funds were used for during the times when there was no Navigator. Outcomes for the current grant period were not at a level that would cause the need for an expansion. Concerns about the proposed source of match money. Region V+ AMHI money does not appear to be a viable option.

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Thank you.

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1	15	CMHP	CE Planning	SSO-CE	All	Renewal	\$1,736,249	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
2	22	Wright County Community Action	Rapid Rehousing	RRH	All	Renewal	\$1,686,249	\$136,255	\$136,255	\$0
3	20	A Place for You	Rapid Rehousing	RRH	All	New	\$1,549,994	\$188,571	\$0	\$188,571
4	18	Rise	Rapid Rehousing	RRH	All	Renewal	\$1,361,423	\$222,565	\$222,565	\$0
5	11	BiCap	Cass County PSH	PSH	All	Renewal	\$1,138,858	\$48,991	\$48,991	\$0
6	12	BiCap	Cass County PSH-Expansion	PSH	All	Expansion	\$1,089,867	\$17,149	\$0	\$17,149
7	17	BiCap	Northern PSH	PSH	All	Renewal	\$1,072,718	\$97,073	\$97,073	\$0
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From: Tim Poland
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:15 PM
To: Matthew Viney (mviney@apfy.org); Hyacinth Stiffler (hyacinth.stiffler@bicap.org); barb.moran@bicap.org; kkallberg@centercityhousing.org; Brenda Engelking; Heinz-Amborn, Britt; Jennifer Erdmann (Jennye@lakesandpines.org); Jessica Unkelhaeuser (jessicau@lakesandpines.org); denise.stewart@lakesandpines.org; Amy Tudor; Jaime Wilkins; Amy Carter - Rise (ACarter@rise.org); Nicole Conti; Louise Reis (lreis@stcloudhra.com); Tammy Smith; Carolyn Brown; Theresa Flinck (Theresa.Flinck@tricap.org); Michael Tadlock; David Miller
Subject: CoC HUD FY2024-2025 NOFO Rankings
Attachments: Rankings List 2024.xlsx

Good afternoon-

This email is to notify you that the application/s you submitted to the Central CoC for the HUD FY2024-2025 NOFO have been scored and ranked.

I have attached an Excel spreadsheet that shows all applications that were considered. The projects ranked 1-19 will be submitted for consideration for funding.

The column labeled Score shows the order of scoring for these projects. Please note that the score does not necessarily correspond to your final ranking. Many factors contribute to the rankings. For instance, was all funding spent out? Is the type and/or location of the project a priority for this years CoC application? Was the application complete, well written, and accurate?

The Balance column starts with the total amount available in Tier 1 funding for this year. This total is \$1,736,249. This column decreases in each row to reflect the remaining balance after each programs suggested funding amount (Amount Column). ARA is the amount that is available through HUD for currently funded applicants. The +/- column is the difference between the current grant amount (ARA) and what the CoC is submitting for recommended funding (Amount). If you program is being reduced, this is reflected as a negative number in the +/- column. You will also get a separate email explaining the rationale for the reductions. Projects with positive amounts in the +/- columns reflect new and/or expansion projects that required reallocation of money from currently funded projects.

Finally, the programs that are ranked 17, 18, and 19 are in Tier 2. Program 17 actually straddles Tiers 1 and 2 and may receive its total recommended funding or it may be reduced by HUD depending on the CoCs application score and funding available nationally. The programs in Tier 2 may still receive full funding based on the CoCs score and available funding from HUD. Historically, our Tier 2 programs have been receiving full funding, but we won't know for sure until HUD announces the outcomes.

The 3 programs listed with a ranking of 0 will not be submitted for funding. You will receive a separate email explaining the reasons and appeal options.

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Applicant: St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC MN-505
Project: CoC Registration and Application FY2024 COC_REG_2024_214902

Before Starting the Project Listings for the CoC Priority Listing

The CoC Consolidated Application requires TWO submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Application MUST be completed and submitted prior to the CoC Program Competition submission deadline stated in the NOFO.

The CoC Priority Listing includes:

- Reallocation forms – must be completed if the CoC is reallocating eligible renewal projects to create new projects or if a project applicant will transition from an existing component to an eligible new component.
- Project Listings:

 - New;
 - Renewal;
 - UFA Costs;
 - CoC Planning;
 - YHDP Renewal; and
 - YHDP Replacement and Reallocation.

- Attachment Requirement

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan – Collaborative Applicants must attach an accurately completed, signed, and dated HUD-2991.

Things to Remember:

- New and Renewal Project Listings – all CoC project applications must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected based on the local CoC competition process.
- Project applications on the following Project Listings must be approved and are not ranked per the FY 2024 - FY 2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO:

 - UFA Costs Project Listing;
 - CoC planning Project Listing;
 - YHDP Renewal Project Listing (All Rounds); and
 - YHDP Replacement and Reallocation Project Listing.

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Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application,
2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates

Tim Poland

From: Tim Poland
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2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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2024 Competition Report - Summary

MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable									

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	1,091	1,183	1,146
AO	720	695	705
AC	368	474	425
CO	6	19	15

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	619	540	565
AO	206	192	188
AC	412	348	377
CO	1	0	0

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	316	366	365
AO	193	224	215
AC	123	142	150
CO	0	0	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	949	45.0	21.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	1,144	108.0	29.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1,296	437.0	120.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1,478	448.0	150.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	17	5	29.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	29.4%
Exit was from ES	181	27	14.9%	8	4.4%	8	4.4%	43	23.8%
Exit was from TH	79	1	1.3%	3	3.8%	1	1.3%	5	6.3%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	288	13	4.5%	2	0.7%	12	4.2%	27	9.4%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	565	46	8.1%	13	2.3%	21	3.7%	80	14.2%

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1,168
Emergency Shelter Total	968
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	210

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	69
Number of adults with increased earned income	10
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	14.5%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	69
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	29
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	42.0%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	69
Number of adults with increased total income	35
Percentage of adults who increased total income	50.7%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	66
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	7.6%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	66
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	17
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	25.8%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	66
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	16
Percentage of adults who increased total income	24.2%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	971
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	124
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	847

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Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1,447
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	179
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	1,268

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	54
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	15
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	32
% Successful exits	87.0%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1,119
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	424
% Successful exits	37.9%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	676
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	611
% Successful exits/retention	90.4%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	952	207	816	561	66
Total Leavers (HMIS)	819	110	178	316	43
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	141	0	19	30	3
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	17.2%	0.0%	10.7%	9.5%	7.0%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	One provider eliminated their Street Outreach in 4th Quarter 2022 when ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2 funds ended. This accounts for the large drop in Street Outreach numbers from 2022 to 2023.
Data Quality	No notes.

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	468	144	365	0	365	39.5%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	253	129	241	0	241	53.5%
RRH	234	234	234	0	234	100.0%
PSH	269	269	269	0	269	100.0%
OPH	588	512	577	50	527	97.2%
Total	1,812	1,288	1,686	50	1,636	78.7%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	468	36	103	0	103	34.95%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	253	8	12	0	12	66.67%
RRH	234	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	269	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	588	11	11	0	11	100.00%
Total	1,812	55	126	0	126	43.65%

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For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	468	180	468	38.46%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	253	137	253	54.15%
RRH	234	234	234	100.00%
PSH	269	269	269	100.00%
OPH	588	523	538	97.21%
Total	1,812	1,343	1,762	76.22%

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	245	294	182	194	234

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	269	250	381	384	365	381
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	197	216	155	166	196	161
Total Sheltered Count	466	466	536	550	561	542
Total Unsheltered Count	213	398	0	366	240	339
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	679	864	536	916	801	881

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Program Overview: A Place For You - Comprehensive Mental Health Support Program

Program Description: A Place For You has successfully partnered with Empower Recovery to deliver a comprehensive mental health support program. This initiative provides weekly services from a licensed mental health provider who is dedicated to assisting clients in managing their mental health needs and conducting thorough assessments. The provider spends one full day each week at A Place For You, fostering relationships and offering support to clients who may otherwise lack access to vital mental health services. This collaboration bridges the gap between individuals facing significant mental health challenges and licensed providers, ensuring a familiar and accessible environment for our clients.

Benefits to the Region's Consumers: The implementation of this program has profoundly benefited the region's consumers, particularly individuals experiencing homelessness. By providing essential mental health support in a familiar and welcoming setting, we have seen improvements in our clients' mental well-being, which contribute to their overall health and stability. Furthermore, this initiative has alleviated the burden on local emergency services and hospitals by offering preventive care and early intervention. Clients now have a reliable source of support, which fosters resilience and promotes recovery.

Expected Outcomes: Through the development of this service, we anticipate several positive outcomes:

1. **Improved Mental Health:** Clients have reported better mental health and well-being, contributing to more stable lives.
2. **Enhanced Access to Services:** Clients now have more consistent access to mental health services, reducing barriers to care.
3. **Strengthened Client-Provider Relationships:** The regular presence of the mental health provider has fostered stronger, trust-based relationships between clients and providers.
4. **Reduced Emergency Service Usage:** We expect a decrease in the use of emergency services and hospital admissions as clients receive ongoing, preventive care.
5. **Empowerment of Clients:** Ultimately, we aim to empower our clients to lead healthier, more stable lives, reinforcing our belief in the inherent value and potential of every individual.

In summary, the Comprehensive Mental Health Support Program at A Place For You represents a significant advancement in mental health care access and quality for our clients, addressing critical needs within the community.

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October 18, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Commitment to Provide Healthcare Resources

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between **Empower Recovery Services** and **A Place For You** to support our community's health and well-being. We pledge to provide the following resources:

- **Service Description:** A licensed mental health professional will be available one day each week for individual counseling, group therapy, and crisis intervention. These services will be accessible to all eligible program participants.
- **Value of Commitment:** The estimated value of these services is **\$60,300**, covering professional fees and necessary materials.
- **Dates of Service:**
 - **Start Date:** January 1, 2025
 - **End Date:** December 31, 2025

While we are committed to these services, please note that they may be affected by external factors, including funding. We will communicate any significant changes.

Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right, and we strive to enhance the mental health and well-being of our community.

For inquiries, please contact us at (320) 629-0059. We look forward to collaborating with community partners to maximize our impact.

Thank you for your attention.



Sincerely,
Cheryl Schmidt
CEO, CPRS
Empower Recovery Services

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Important Deadlines

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6800-11-25

IMPORTANT! PROJECT APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES for Central MN CoC - subject to change based on HUD availability in eSnaps and CoC updates

- July 31, 2024 - FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Competition NOFO published by HUD
- August 16, 2024 - Signed Intent to Apply & Threshold Assessment New Projects form due to CoC via email in PDF format (DO NOT SUBMIT IN E-SNAPS)
- TBD - Project Application Lab (if needed)
- September 19, 2024 - Project Applications submitted to CoC via eSnaps and PDF for ranking and scoring
- October 3, 2024 - Ranking and Scoring Committee Meeting
- October 7, 2024 - Project Applications notified of inclusion in Collaborative Application
- October 13, 2024 - Project response and appeals to CoC due by 4:30 PM on Application Rank & Score
- October 17, 2024 - Vote on appeals to rank and score (if needed)
- October 17, 2024 - Projects notified of appeals outcome and amended rank/score (if needed)
- October 21, 2024 - Final Project Application edits submitted in eSnaps and PDF to CoC
- October 23, 2024 - Collaborative Application posted on CoC website
- October 24, 2024 - CoC Full Membership Committee vote on Collaborative Application
- October 24, 2024 - CoC Governing Board vote on Collaborative Application
- October 25, 2024 - Approved Collaborative Application and Priority Listing posted on CoC website
- October 28, 2024 - CoC Collaborative Application and Priority Listing Submitted to HUD

HUD CoC Consolidated Application Deadline: October 30, 2024, at 7:00 PM Standard Time.

Note: Project Applications must be submitted by the Project deadlines (September 19, 2024, 5:00 PM Central Standard Time) NOT the HUD CoC Consolidated Application deadline.

For further information, contact Tim Poland at tpoland@cmhp.net

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- [FY2024-FY2025 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO](#)
- [FY2024 Local CoC Program Competition Timeline](#)
- [FY2024 MN- 505 Grant Inventory Worksheet \(GIW\)](#)

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